

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Monday, October 22, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Compassion and Truth, we take a moment to pray for the wisdom to comprehend and the skills to meet successfully the various needs of people and of our varied communities. As elected leaders, teach us to be open to the insights and expectations of constituents as we work together to improve the quality of life for all in these changing times. In our decision-making roles, inspire us to remain committed to our traditional principles and human and spiritual values. Help us to select legislative options which are right and fair and in accord with right reason, Your ways and Your precepts. Your ways offer us personal happiness and fulfillment.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Communication from the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates.*

A communication from the Barnstable County Assembly of Delegates, transmitting resolutions adopted by said delegates, strongly urging the passage of Senate, No. 536, regulating the distribution of household cleansing products containing phosphorous, was spread upon the records of the House.

Barnstable  
County,  
cleansing  
products.

### *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Canavan of Brockton) congratulating Joseph Bronislaw Podgurski on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Joseph  
Bronislaw  
Podgurski.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Frost of Auburn) congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Arne McCaffrey on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary; and

Joseph and  
Beverly  
McCaffrey.

Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Walrath of Stow) congratulating Nicholas Alexander Joyce on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America;

Nicholas  
Alexander  
Joyce.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Ms. Rogeness of

Longmeadow, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

*Papers from the Senate.*

**Bills**

James  
Mickel,  
pension.

Authorizing the Middlesex Retirement Board to grant a certain pension to James Charles Mickel (Senate, No. 2208) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received]; and

Tyngsborough,  
fund.

Authorizing the town of Tyngsborough to establish a recreation fields fund (Senate, No. 2291) (on House, No. 4136) [Local Approval Received];

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Division of  
Medical  
Assistance,  
CORI.

A report of the committee on Education, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 350) of Richard T. Moore, Jennifer M. Callahan and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to require the Division of Medical Assistance to provide reimbursement for home health agencies for the costs associated with criminal background screening, and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Health Care Financing,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Substance  
addiction  
treatment.

A report of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the Senate Bill relative to substance addiction treatment (Senate, No. 1144), and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Revenue,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

*Reports of Committees.*

Lincoln  
bicentennial.

By Mr. Turkington of Falmouth, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Resolve establishing an Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission (House, No. 3405).

Greatest  
places,  
identify.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Resolve establishing a great places in Massachusetts commission (House, No. 3417).

Veterans,  
special  
commission.

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, No. 3728, a Resolve resolve creating a special commission to study the effects of war on returning Massachusetts service members (House, No. 4312).

Severally read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Employment  
postings.

By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, for the committee on Labor and Workforce Development, on a petition, a Bill relative to state employment posting (House, No. 1846).

By Mr. Turkington of Falmouth, for the committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development, on a petition, a Bill making an appropriation for the fiscal year 2008 to provide for funding of the Brookwood Barn and House (House, No. 3413).

Brookwood  
Barn and  
House.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill to authorize the acquisition of land, the development and construction of an underground railroad, civil rights and black heritage museum and cultural center in Springfield (House, No. 3414).

Springfield,  
Black Heritage  
Museum.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing the Massachusetts cultural assessment and annual report (House, No. 3419).

Cultural  
assessment  
reports.

By Mr. Wagner of Chicopee, for the committee on Transportation, on Senate, No. 2023 and House, No. 3680, a Bill relative to illegal parking in bus stops (House, No. 4314).

Bus stops,  
illegal  
parking

By the same member, for the same committee, on House, No. 3458, a Bill relative to the registration and inspection of street rods and custom vehicles (House, No. 4315).

Custom  
vehicles,  
inspection.

By Mr. Verga of Gloucester, for the committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, on House, No. 3731, a Bill relative to National Guard bonuses (House, No. 4316).

National  
Guard  
bonuses.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Pedone of Worcester, for the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill amending the charter of the town of Chelmsford (House, No. 4007) [Local Approval Received].

Chelmsford,  
town  
charter.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Cohasset water department to provide water services to other cities, towns, and water companies (House, No. 4014) [Local Approval Received].

Cohasset,  
water  
services.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Provincetown to grant a certain easement (House, No. 4015) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown,  
easement.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the issuance of certain bonds by the town of Wellfleet (House, No. 4036) [Local Approval Received].

Wellfleet,  
bonds.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to a certain reserve fund in the town of Oak Bluffs (House, No. 4041) [Local Approval Received].

Oak Bluffs,  
reserve  
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the membership of the board of public works in the town of Whitman (House, No. 4044) [Local Approval Received].

Whitman,  
public  
works.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the board of public works in the town of Whitman (House, No. 4045) [Local Approval Received].

Whitman,  
civil  
engineer.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to amend Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1975 regarding roads on Nantucket Island (House, No. 4056).

Nantucket,  
roadways.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to establishment of a capital improvement trust fund in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4073) [Local Approval Received].

Stoneham,  
capital  
improvement.

Stoneham,  
senior  
center.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the leasing of certain property in the town of Stoneham (House, No. 4074) [Local Approval Received].

Tewksbury,  
cemetery.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill to authorize the town of Tewksbury to lease land originally conveyed for cemetery and recreation purposes (House, No. 4135).

North Andover,  
town  
manager.  
Hingham,  
loans.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the town manager in the town of North Andover (House, No. 4138).

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to temporary loans and assessment of betterments by the town of Hingham (House, No. 4236) [Local Approval Received].

Grafton,  
water  
districts.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the Grafton and South Grafton Water Districts (House, No. 4241).

Harwich,  
Pine Grove  
Cemetery.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Harwich to acquire certain cemetery property (House, No. 4255) [Local Approval Received].

Eastham,  
land  
acquisition  
fund.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a joint petition, a Bill relative to the land acquisition and maintenance fund of the town of Eastham (House, No. 4256) [Local Approval Received].

Harwich,  
cemetery  
land.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of Harwich to acquire certain real property (House, No. 4257) [Local Approval Received].

South Essex  
Sewer District.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the South Essex Sewerage District (House, No. 4258).

Lexington,  
town  
meetings.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to notices of town meetings in the town of Lexington (House, No. 4261) [Local Approval Received].

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

#### *Emergency Measure.*

Lori Silva,  
sick leave  
bank.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lori Silva, an employee of the Trial Court (see Senate, No. 2351), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 2 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Engrossed Bills.*

Bills  
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Designating a portion of Route 7 and Route 20 in the town of Lenox as the Lieutenant Commander William F. Coakley Highway (see House, No. 3599); and

Authorizing the city of Gardner to purchase land in the town of Winchendon (see House, No. 4046);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

#### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next  
sitting.

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At twelve minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Rogeness of Longmeadow (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Wednesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.